

Ink Slings.

All honor to the few American athletes who refused to contest in the world's amateur championship games in Paris on Sunday.

In swappin' JAS. H. BECK, of Philadelphia, for Hon. WEBSTER DAVIS we really ought to have given the Republicans a good bit of boot, for we certainly did get the long end of that deal.

The annual discussion as to the immorality of bathing suits is on at the seashore. It is well that they have something on at the shore, for it long ago became evident that there wasn't much bathing suit on.

The human vampires at Washington have pulled away until they have another slat off the public crib. A late decision gives all officials another opening to get their hands in by declaring tips to be a necessary expense.

Horticulturists say this is to be a great fruit year in Pennsylvania; the peach crop is to be especially long. The good Lord deliver us from any more peaches than a variety of people makes believe there are now.

Sirius, the dog star, is in the ascendency now and TEDDY is beginning to show unmistakable signs of the rabies. He jumps upon every platform, barrel or box that is in his way and barks at the people until he froths at the mouth.

If LI HUNG CHANG had only seen to it that the Chinese army was equipped with wooden guns this time, as he did a number of years ago, the allied powers might have interested to have his yellow jacket and peacock feather restored.

WILLIE WALKER ASTOR, with the accent on the As, ex-American, now threatens to become an ex-Englishman. In fact he seems to be a man without a country just now. To be without a country would be a serious matter to some people, but WILLIE hasn't enough marbles to appreciate what such a condition means.

The situation in China becomes more appalling with each succeeding day's news. But with all the atrocities that the yellow devils have committed on our helpless citizens in their land it would be proclaiming ourselves as barbarous and uncivilized as they are were we to permit the injury of a single Chinaman in our land.

A Bellefonte man actually thought that the columns in the Court of Honor in the Diamond were intended to represent the cemetery. Just what led him to think the cemetery ought to figure as the principal ornament in the Centennial demonstration we don't know, but it is an open secret that since the strawberry season cemeteries have been uppermost in his mind.

Renovo has a thief who was mean enough to steal a contribution box that had been placed in a hotel there for the benefit of the Lock Haven hospital. It is on such little legacies that the institution exists, but the miserable cuss who stole this one evidently thought the legacy his and now chief LEGACY, of the Renovo police force, is on his trail and if he is caught Judge MAYER will probably give him a legacy of ninety days.

The arrival of the transport "Hancock," as she slipped in to her dock in San Francisco on Saturday, was scarcely noticed. There was too much appalling news from China. Yet there were forty dead and two hundred and twenty-one maimed soldiers on board. They have come from the Philippines, where our "benevolent assimilation" still goes on at the price of good American blood.

In 1896 there were 6,502,925 people who voted for Democratic doctrines and precepts. Yet the Hon. JAMES M. BECK tells us there is no Democratic party now. Yes he does. It has doubtless become evident to most everyone who has read JIM'S declaration of separation, that what he needs most of all is an offer of an office just one step higher than the one Republicanism recently bought him with. No matter what party it comes from he will be for it.

It is up to the colored voter now and it remains to be seen what he intends doing. ROOSEVELT sneered at the brave blacks who saved him and his Rough Riders from being cut to pieces on San Juan hill, the black delegates from the South were openly snubbed at McKINLEY'S Philadelphia convention and on last Thursday Governor STONE dismissed GRIFFIN TAYLOR, the only colored man he had appointed to office, to make room for one of Senator JIM MITCHELL'S henchmen who wanted the black man's job as a night watchman in the executive department. It is up to the colored voter now. What will he do?

The auditing department of the Treasury has just taken action on a matter that is likely to establish a very bad precedent. A contract nurse, having completed a trip from San Francisco to Brooklyn, gave the porter of his car a tip of fifty cents and entered the amount as expenses. The bill was held up for some time, but the department has finally acted, allowing tips as a necessary expense. In the first place it is a great wonder that this particular nurse ever survived the moment he handed that porter fifty cents, after taking a three thousand mile trip with him. Maybe the porter spared him because he was an army nurse. In the second, it wasn't that fifty cents that will be felt by the government, but the future millions of dollars that will leak out through this new hole they have made in the public barrel.

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Effect of Militarism.

Our progress in the direction of empire and militarism is at a rapid pace these days. We have 100,000 troops now in service but must have as many more to do the work that is required. It has been gravely announced that the war is over in the Philippines, but General MacARTHUR demands a reinforcement of 50,000 officers and men. It will require 100,000 men to pacify the archipelago, he says, and unless enough are sent to make up that number those already there will probably be murdered or starved. The regiment that was sent to China a few weeks ago has been practically annihilated and it will be necessary to send fifteen or twenty thousand more to make our quota of the invading army. Then Porto Rico must be policed with troops, Cuba must be garrisoned to protect the postal thieves and other representatives of the government on that island and all in all we must have as vast an army as our neighbors who keep up imperial pretenses.

Can anyone imagine the outcome of such a policy? For a century and a quarter the glory of this country lay in the achievements of peace, the advancement of science and the development of our matchless resources. To feed the world was the highest aspiration of our forefathers and to supply it with its needs in manufactures the cherished ambition of those who followed the founders of the Republic. In the fulfillment of these aspirations our population increased and wealth multiplied. Others cultivated the arts of war and directed their energies to the work of destruction, but the American people built up and spread out nationally until the hopes of the founders and the ambitions of those who followed were about to be realized. Then a strange purpose insinuated itself into our minds. We conceived the curious notion that there is greater glory in destroying than in creating and we have followed this lead until now the necessity of a great army confronts us.

The maintenance of a vast army costs enormously and draws from the wealth of the country in two ways. In the first place it takes from the number of producers and adds to the consumers who do not produce. It is a principle of economic law and the wealth of a country will increase in proportion as the number of producers is greater than the number of consumers who do not produce. For example, take a man who has four nonproducers dependent upon his labor for support. He can't possibly accumulate as rapidly as one who has only half the number of mouths to feed from the proceeds of his labor. The United States increased in wealth more rapidly than any other country in the world for the reason that we have less nonproducers to feed in proportion to the number of producers who are earning. But in creating a vast army we are beginning the reversal of this condition, and we not only increase the force of non-producers to be fed but decrease the number of producers who must bear the burden of feeding them.

Mr. Hanna's Notions.

Senator MARK HANNA has assumed a new role in the political affairs of the country. That is to say he is now doing the "DANIEL come to judgment" act, though whether he will acquit himself well or ill remains to be seen. But he goes about the business in great seriousness and though most spectators of his performance are "laughing in their sleeves," he goes on gravely as if he were recognized as the principal constitutional lawyer of his day and generation and the fact were recognized by all others.

For example, Senator HANNA was interviewed the other day on the Chinese question and delivered himself as follows: "The President has full power to meet all conditions as they may arise. He has a full treasury and is empowered to call on all the troops he may require to meet such emergencies as may arise. There seems to be no reason why Congress should be called together. Subsequent developments may make such a step necessary, however." Hardly under the circumstances, as Mr. HANNA appears to view them. With plenty of money in the treasury and the power to summon all the troops that are needed what possible reason could there be for calling Congress into extra session or any other session? For that matter what is the matter with an imperial ukase?

Some other people have been in the habit of taking another view of the matter, it is true, but that reveals their ignorance. For instance there may be an old fogey here and there who still adheres to the constitution to the extent of believing that however full the treasury is no money can be taken from it except by appropriation of Congress. Others still think there is vitality in the constitutional provision which declares that only Congress can declare war and organize an army. But Mr. HANNA knows better. He understands the imperial prerogative and knows that under existing conditions the President can do all these things with one hand tied behind his back. Mr. HANNA is a Jim-dandy.

Quay Out of It.

The result of the Republican primaries in Lebanon and York counties may be said to have eliminated Col. QUAY from the senatorial contest next year. Of course the result in York county will have no influence on the vote for Senator for the people of that county will send a solid delegation of thorough-going Democrats to the House as usual. But the result in Lebanon county is a net loss of two votes to QUAY, however, and as there is no perceptible chance to even up elsewhere there can be no possible hope of doing better in the next Legislature than in the last. Under such circumstances he would be foolish to continue in the fight.

But while it appears clear that the ex-Senator will not be in the running next year, it is not as certain who will become his political legatee. In other words while Col. QUAY will not have sufficient strength to elect himself, he is certain to have following enough in the coming Legislature to prevent the election of any Republican who is particularly obnoxious to him. The question then is who of QUAY'S friends in the Republican party can sufficiently command the confidence of the insurgents to get the votes of both factions? It may be confidently said that nobody who was active in the opposition to QUAY during the last session will be able to reconcile him now, and it is equally sure that nobody who was recognized as an out-and-out QUAY man then can get the votes of the insurgents next year.

The HARRY OLIVER mine was exploded too soon or it might have taken the trick. Mr. OLIVER is a rather clever gentleman, who has taken little interest in politics since his defeat for Senator in 1881 and might have been smuggled through, though he is a close personal friend of QUAY, if he had been held in concealment until near the time. But his name was sprung at the State Convention and the opposition jumped all over him. There is no doubt that Senator FLINN had Senator MAGEE in training for the office during the entire period of the last session and QUAY was not entirely averse to him. But near the close he bolted and to-day is as obnoxious to QUAY as WANAMAKER or CHAS. EMOYRE SMITH. In fact unless the Democrats have a majority in the next Legislature it is not easy to see how a Senator will be elected at all.

If it don't prove anything in the way of showing McKINLEY'S strength to parade the names of those who supported him four years ago, as favorable to him now. Of the dozen or more "gold Democrats" who have announced themselves as against BRYAN, not a single one of them supported him in 1896. McKINLEY had them all. He has possibly one tenth of the pretended Democratic following he had then, and is just that much weaker, so far as that class of voters go. Where he holds one "gold Democratic" vote, he loses ten, and this loss, alone, is sufficient to change results.

No Man Will Envy Them.

The man who counts the value of his dollars as of more importance than the preservation of his government is certainly too sordid an individual to be classed as a good citizen. And this is the exact position of that class of men styling themselves "gold Democrats." To preserve the intrinsic value of their dollars, they would allow all the evils of imperialism, militarism and trustism to be fastened permanently upon the country.

Mistakes in money matters can easily be corrected. At the longest they could exist but two years, for each Congress can change or amend the financial legislation as it pleases. Imperialism, if it once gets a foothold, can never be up-rooted. Militarism, with its standing armies and taxes to maintain them, is an affliction that no people, once cursed with, has ever been able to shake off. Trustism, that throttles individual enterprise and closes the avenues of business to every young man in the country, is as lasting as is the power of money and once fairly established can never be controlled or curbed.

These monstrous menaces to the welfare of the people, to the good name of the Republic, to the prospects and hopes of future generations and to the purpose for which this government was established are as nothing in the eyes of some men, as compared with the value of the dollars they have gathered and now gloat over. When we look the position squarely in the face that the "gold Democrat" places himself in and know that it is only a question of greed that makes him look to the value of his dollars when the existence of every principle of free government is at stake, we must pity the man even if we are compelled to despise the mercenary motives that actuate him. In his make-up there is something wrong-lacking. Something so venal, so avaricious, and so greedy that all better instincts are smothered, and his life is now living only for the money that can be counted and cared for.

Judge Kohlsaat's Decision.

A Federal Judge named KOHLSAAT, who lives in Chicago, has volunteered the judicial opinion that the constitution does not of its own power apply to territory held by the United States. The question was not properly before Judge KOHLSAAT, but that didn't make any difference to him. He believed that the President wanted that kind of a decision and he knew the party needed one very badly and so he supplied it. In Chicago, where he is known the decision will be laughed at as he probably knew. But the decision wasn't for home consumption. It was strictly for export trade—that is to say for use where KOHLSAAT will be taken for a real judge, because he is in commission and draws the salary of a judge.

When McKINLEY had his little financial troubles a few years ago it will be remembered that the hat was passed around in order that a fund might be subscribed to discharge the debt. The most generous subscription was that of MARK HANNA and since the Ohio boss has owned McKINLEY body and soul, subject of course, to small mortgages given to the other subscribers. Among other subscribers were two other gentlemen of Chicago, Messrs. LYMAN J. GAGE and H. H. KOHLSAAT, who owned two newspapers and a great number of bakeries and restaurants on the buttermilk plan. When McKINLEY was elected President all the subscribers got offices for themselves or friends and hence Judge KOHLSAAT who made the decision in question.

Mr. H. H. KOHLSAAT, whose bakeries and restaurants combined and his two papers made him rich in ready money, didn't want an office, but he had a brother who had been judge of the Probate Court of Chicago for some time. Judge of the Probate Court there is something like Register of Wills here and BAKER KOHLSAAT conceived the notion that having filled that office his brother was qualified to adorn the judicial position and he demanded of McKINLEY a place for him on the District Bench. It was an impudent demand, of course, but the mortgage was there and the appointment was made. It turns out now to have been wise, for probably no other judge would have given such a decision.

The Clearfield county farmer who had his pocket picked of \$51 while admiring the great human flag, that was the principal feature of the Fourth celebration in Clearfield will probably think of the stars and stripes forever, more than will JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, the composer.

Roosevelt and His Qualities.

In his speech notifying Governor ROOSEVELT of his nomination as the Republican candidate for Vice President the other day Senator WOLCOTT said that gentleman had been chosen for the position because of his conspicuous civic virtues. "You have everywhere and at all times stood for that which was clean and uplifting and against anything that was sordid and base," said Mr. WOLCOTT. If that were true there would be nothing in common between Governor ROOSEVELT and Senator WOLCOTT, for he represents everything that is the opposite of that to which he referred. He is what might be called a moral Rough Rider, a man of violence and a roysterer.

But what he said of ROOSEVELT is not true and if it had been, some other man would have been chosen for the office. ROOSEVELT was nominated because he is a man of blood who loves turmoil and disorder and would be an outlaw if he had been less fortunate in his environment during the period of childhood. Even as it is, though born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and brought up under the most refining influences his inclinations made him a cowboy and his habits those of a ruffian. It must not be assumed that he adopted that occupation because he was inclined to work. There were plenty of opportunities to work in other avenues of industry. But he adopted that life because it was congenial to his tastes and for the reason that it gave him license to indulge in rowdiness to any extent he desired.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT is not the admirable representative of a chivalrous class that dares peril. He is a lover of violence, an iron man without those qualities which make uneducated men gentle and rough diamonds in human form. He likes to kill and ride down opposition and bluster and bully. Because of these characteristics he was nominated for Vice President. Those who made the nomination had the mistaken notion that such a man would be popular with the voters in the Western States, where votes are needed, and his nomination was for that reason and not because of his civic virtues. The truth may as well be told, for it will come out in the end anyway.

A Tyrone girl was arrested in Johnstown on Tuesday for street walking and sent to the lock up. There are several in Bellefonte who ought to visit Johnstown.

McKinley and the Flag.

President McKINLEY, who, whenever it is possible, indulges in that cheap cant about love for the flag, took a flyer on that line in his speech in reply to the address of Senator LODGE notifying him of his nomination as the Republican candidate for President, the other day. "The American people hold the financial honor of our government as sacred as our flag," said the Major, "and can be relied on to guard it with the same sleepless vigilance." What egregious rubbish, especially from such a source.

In the first place, if the American people held the flag as sacred, President McKINLEY would be called to account for his violations of the constitution. The flag is simply the outward form of expressing the principles embodied in the constitution. Whenever the constitution is violated the flag is dishonored and McKINLEY has violated the constitution whenever it has stood in the way of his political plans and business schemes. When, at the instance of his brother ABNER, he turned the treasury over to the New York speculators for their gain and that of his brother, he violated the constitution and if the American people had even decent respect for the flag he would have been summoned to the bar of the Senate to answer proceedings in impeachment.

Mr. McKINLEY has violated the constitution in dozens of instances and outraged the flag oftener than he has fingers and toes. In the Puerto Rican bill he committed the crime knowingly and deliberately, for he had previously asserted the right course to pursue. But the sugar and tobacco trusts forced him to dishonor the flag and violate the sacred principles of the Declaration of Independence and he did it with as little concern as if the act did not involve both the dishonor of the flag and the violation of his oath of office.

Illinois Might Be For Bryan.

The political mathematicians are figuring on the action of the Central West. They are trying to estimate whether more German votes will go to Bryan on the issue of imperialism than will go to McKINLEY on free silver.

Let us give them a hint. There are other issues than these. For instance, keep an eye on Illinois. There is a strike on in Chicago. It is really a lockout. The contractors demand that their workmen shall give up their unions before they will discuss terms. Those contractors are all Republicans, at least in spirit. Fifty thousand families of workmen in Chicago have been in grinding distress for months. They have had no share in Republican "prosperity." If all men are to vote for their pockets, as every Republican authority says they should, every one of these locked-out workers will vote the Democratic ticket.

Astor's Flight.

From the Altoona Tribune. Mr. William Waldorf Astor, who some months ago renounced his American citizenship for various reasons—some avowed, some unavowed—has received a very serious setback in his aspirations for social success in England, as most of our readers already know. A lady whose husband was unable to accompany her to one of Mr. Astor's receptions, requested her guest, a military gentleman, to go with her. He went, but was repulsed by Mr. Astor, who not only ordered him to leave the house but published an insulting card in his paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, although the insulted gentleman took pains to write him a note explaining the circumstances. Public opinion in England, led by the Prince of Wales, is pretty unanimous that Mr. Astor is a boor. His career as a British subject seems to be about ended; why not migrate to Russia?

This Kind of Prosperity is Stalking Us All.

From the Lock Haven Democrat. The blast furnace of the Danville Bessemer company went out of blast Saturday and there are no hopes of its resuming. Three plants of the Bessemer company are now closed down and 1,000 men who had worked three months ago are out of employment or have left town. Business is dull among the merchants.

We Don't Believe He's a Kicker.

From the Phillipsburg Ledger. J. L. Spangler, who would like to represent this district in Congress, in a speech he made recently in Kansas, denounces the silver plank in his party's platform. Mr. Spangler might as well repudiate the entire platform, if he can't swallow the silver cause.

A dago and his dancing bear. Got drunk one day last week. In a town up in the mountains. A hamlet, so to speak. The dago fell into a doze. The bear struck out to fight. Were chased clean out of sight. Both grown people and children ran a pace so awful fast. That never once could witness tell. With hair on end they ran and ran. Some say they're running yet, if so the whole of Little town. Will wear the sign "To Let."

Spawls from the Keystone.

A Philadelphia company will establish a plant for the manufacture of lamp black at Ladona, near Connersport, where an apparently inexhaustible supply of natural gas has been struck.

John Robinson, an employe of Welsh Bros. circus, laid down on the track while intoxicated, at Ridgway Saturday night. He was run over by a train and mangled. He was 23 years old and resided at Columbia.

Partaking freely of ice cream after it had been packed in a freezer, several days, the 3 year old child of Frank Hawley, of Baker Creek near Connersport, died Thursday evening. Another child, a year and a half old, is in a critical condition from the same cause.

A 6-year-old son of Joseph Gahrs, of Dagus mines, Saturday evening struck an axe into a keg of powder stored in his father's barn. The powder exploded and the boy was burned so badly that he died a few hours later. The barn in which the explosion occurred was totally destroyed.

The two counterfeiters, Kimball and Austin, who have been in the Connersport jail for several months, will be tried at Erie this week. The accused men are charged with turning out five and ten dollar bills in large numbers by a photographic process. The paraphernalia was found and seized at Tamarack Swamp.

A buzzard with a bell dangling to its neck, and sounding the gong at every flutter in the air, has been causing some excitement in Potter township, Potter county, during the past week. It is evidently the same bird that did business in Franklin county about three years ago. How the bell became fastened about the buzzard's neck is a mystery.

The County National bank of Clearfield, has taken a new departure and enrolled a lady, Miss Emma Worrel, among its employees. There is no good reason why banking should not offer a good field for the employment of women, who are naturally more impressed by responsibility than their brothers are, and are, too, more patient with the ignorance of the public.

R. D. Green, of Ormsby who was "killed" by two newspapers during the terrible forest fires in and around Newton and Ormsby some weeks ago, is still alive and happy. He said that when he read the news of his tragic death he thought it a pretty good joke, but he did object strongly to the published story a day or two later that his widow had been sent to the almshouse.

The thirteenth annual Lutheran reunion of Blair and adjacent counties will be held at Lakemont park, Thursday, Aug. 23. Arrangements are being made which promise the largest attendance of Lutherans ever gathered at the park. Reduced rates and special railroad facilities will be secured. The program of exercises at the park auditorium will provide for an unusual variety of short addresses and an abundance of excellent music.

While John Laidig, of near Laidig, Fulton county, was in the harvest field, operating a self-binder, a few days ago, he had some difficulty in adjusting the packer and knoter, attempting to correct the same while the machine was in motion, when one of the arms which forces out the bound sheaf of wheat pierced entirely through the palm of one of his hands, tearing itself out between the two middle fingers and making a terrible wound.

The Williamsport school board finds that it will take \$96,700 to meet running expenses this fiscal year. It will receive a trifle over \$30,000 from the state, and other sources, and has decided to levy a tax of 5 mills to meet the difference; then there is one mill for building purposes and three-fourths for present and proposed loan, a total levy of 7 1/2 mills. The Board also imposes a poll tax of \$1 on every adult male citizen, the proceeds to go to the general fund.

W. P. Mitchell and a force of men are now running the exterior lines of the lands recently purchased for forestry purposes, and which tracts are now known as the "Hopkins Reservation." The lands are in Clinton, Centre and Cameron counties. The work is being done under the direction of the State Forestry Reservation commission. The starting point last Monday was at the south end of the reservation, on what was formerly known as the Kulp and Wolvorton tracts, which tracts are on Big Sandy and Panther runs, tributaries to Beech creek. It will require four or five months to complete the survey.

About 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning, July 1, the town of Glasgow, Cambria county, was suddenly startled by an explosion at the home of Michael Rollo, near there. Mr. Rollo purchased some dynamite on Saturday to blast some stumps near his house, and after taking it home instructed his son a youth of 10 years, to put it in a safe place. The boy put the stuff in the oven of the kitchen stove by instructions from his grandmother. Sunday morning Mr. Rollo, unaware of where the dynamite had been stored, made a fire in the stove. A short time afterwards, while the family were eating breakfast in another kitchen, some distance from the house, the explosion occurred, completely destroying the building. No one was injured except by the shock, which was felt for some distance around.

George Francis Degenhardt, of Altoona, who was shot in the left hand with a 38-caliber revolver on the night of July 3 died at 7:15 Thursday evening of tetanus which is the technical name for lockjaw. He was about 14 years old. The lad purchased a revolver and several blank cartridges on the evening of July 3. As he neared home he loaded the weapon and, as he reached the side gate, discharged it with the intention of scaring the folks. The load took effect in his hand but he was unable to tell just how the accident happened. The paper had penetrated the palm of the hand, near the thumb. Thinking the injury but slight, the lad's mother wrapped up the hand and next morning sent him to a physician who dressed the wound and it soon healed. Last Tuesday evening Francis complained of a strange, numb sensation about his jaws when he opened his mouth. The physician was summoned and, after etherizing the lad, he operated on the hand, extracting the wad. He grew rapidly worse, however, and suffered intensely up to the time of his death.